



2019 Poseidon Estate Pinot Noir

CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

HISTORY Poseidon Vineyard, located at the confluence of Carneros Creek and the Napa River, was planted in 1973 by the Molnar Family to the Burgundian varietals: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The maritime environment of the Carneros grape-growing season delivers cool, foggy mornings followed by warm days that slowly nurture ripening.

VINTAGE 2019 The 2019 growing season got off to a wet and cool start, but a moderate summer allowed for normal vine development and a slightly above-average sized crop. As the summer progressed, the vines made up for some of their late start. A comfortable fall allowed for longer hang time, good fruit maturity and excellent flavor development. The harvest started with a leisurely pace and quickened at the start of October. As a precaution against wildfires, our cellar was in the power company's blackout zone, throwing the crew for a loop. But our outage was short, and proved harmless to the ongoing fermentations—it was one of the few sources of anxiety in an otherwise textbook season.

WINEMAKING Our Poseidon Vineyard is planted with two clones of Pinot Noir: Martini and Dijon 115. This Estate Pinot Noir is a blend of wines picked from different blocks planted with the two clones. The fruit was harvested by hand and fermented separately. As soon as the fermentations were complete, the wines were pressed gently into 100% Kádár Tokaj oak, adding a signature spiciness to the blend that complements the fruit character. Racked only once before bottling, the result is a very pure, fruit-filled expression of Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES Shy in its youth, traditional Carneros aromas of strawberries and rhubarb are accompanied by elements of pomegranate and freshly toasted whole wheat bread and a hint of baking spice. These aromas are reflected on the palate with additional notes of persimmon, guava and rose water. Medium-lightweight overall, with moderate-long length and a welcoming acidity.

BLEND 100% Pinot Noir

ELEVATION Sea Level to 45'

CLONES Martini & Dijon 115

ALCOHOL 14%

COOPERAGE 16 Months in 20% New, Medium Toast+ Kádár Barrels



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